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REMARKSInterview Summary

Examiner Eng contacted the undersigned on 12 April 2004 to discuss disposal of all issues on appeal. In particular, Examiner Eng presented the possibility of introducing the limitations of dependent claim 35 into claim 34. No agreement was reached and the undersigned deferred consideration of the proposal until receipt of Examiner's Answer.

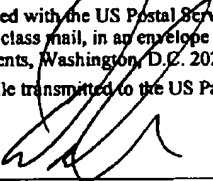
Amendment to Place all Claims in Condition for Allowance

Examiner's Answer, dated 21 April 2004, "allowed" dependent claim 35, therefore following the Examiner's lead (and consistent with the prior telephonic interview), Applicant has now amended claim 35 to recite limitations of claim 34. In addition, Applicant has amended claims 37 and 38 to properly depend from the appropriate "allowed" base claim and cancels the remaining unallowed claim, claim 34.

For completeness, previously presented amendments to cancel certain claims and to amend claim 33 are represented. Although the Examiner has clearly indicated agreement with those previously presented amendments and "allowed" claims based thereon, it is unclear whether the amendments have officially been entered. Accordingly, this paper presents a complete set of amendments that, consistent with the status of the case on appeal, dispose of all outstanding rejections and present all claims in a form that Examiner has indicated allowable in the Examiner's Answer, dated 21 April 2004. *Upon entry of the amendments made herein, all issues on appeal will be disposed of.*

In view of the arguments and authorities set forth in the previously-filed Appellant's Brief and consistent with the Examiner's Answer thereto, the application and claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be amendable to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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